

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please REPLACE the Title with the following:

—System, Method, and Computer Program for a Console Switch—

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike-through~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 16, with the following paragraph:

The above objects of the present invention are also achieved by a system comprising: a first console switch; and a second console switch that is connected to the first console switch through a network, ~~in such a manner that the first console switch and the second console switch face each other~~, the first console switch and the second console switch each selectively connecting a terminal to a port of an information processing device that has a plurality of ports connected through a network, the first console switch and the second console switch each comprising: a first unit that obtains port information from the terminal, the port information specifying the port; and a second unit that refers to a predetermined database in accordance with the port information obtained by the first unit, and establishes a connection path between the terminal and the port of the information processing device.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 31, line 24, with the following paragraph:

A fourth embodiment of the present invention will now be described. The fourth embodiment differs from the first embodiment in that two console switches of the first embodiment are connected to face each other, with a network being interposed between the two console switches. Fig. 31 illustrates a system in accordance with the fourth embodiment. This embodiment employs a face-to-face connecting method for extending serial ports.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 32, line 2, with the following paragraph:

The console switches 100A and 100B are connected to face each other through the network 603. The console switches 100A and 100B have tuning buttons 604 and 605, respectively, for exchanging port information with each other.